



# State of Louisiana

## Department of Environmental Quality



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### ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

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**WHO:** Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality

**WHAT:** Free Brownfields Seminar

**WHEN:** Mar. 9-11, 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

**WHERE:** Bossier  
Wednesday, Mar. 9  
Isle of Capri Resort  
711 Isle of Capri Blvd.

Alexandria  
Thursday, Mar. 10  
Best Western Suites & Conference Center  
2720 W. MacArthur Drive

Lake Charles  
Friday, Mar. 11  
Harrah's Lake Charles Casino & Hotel  
507 N. Lakeshore Drive

**WHY:** All across the state, sites for potential redevelopment lie idle. What could possibly become business, residential communities, recreational facilities and playgrounds are overlooked because of hurdles associated with cleanup. These hurdles exist because the industrial or commercial properties that are abandoned, idled or underused are often perceived as being contaminated. Properties conforming to these characteristics are called brownfields. The brownfields program seeks to bring these types of properties back into productive reuse to spark economic development, create jobs and increase tax revenues to benefit entire communities.

These free seminars will discuss the importance of the Louisiana brownfields program. Topics include brownfields basics, grant writing, other programs that encourage cleanup, state funding initiatives and marketing brownfields.

The event is sponsored by DEQ, EPA and the Center for Brownfield Initiatives at the University of New Orleans.